

**Amendments to the specification:**

On page 1, line 2, please amend the heading as follows:

~~Prior Art~~ Background of the Invention

On page 1, please amend the paragraph contained in lines 3-4 as follows:

The invention ~~is based on~~ relates to a wiper blade ~~according to the~~  
~~features contained in the preamble to claim 1~~ having a wiper strip that is held by  
a support bracket system and encompassed by a laterally closed protective  
profile.

On page 3, line 12, please amend the heading as follows:

~~Advantages~~ Summary of the Invention

On page 6, line 3, please amend the heading as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawings

On page 7, line 10, please amend the heading as follows:

Detailed Description of the Exemplary Preferred Embodiments

On page 15, please amend the abstract of the disclosure as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

~~The invention is based on a~~ A wiper blade for cleaning motor vehicle windows ~~having~~ includes a wiper strip (12) which is held by a support bracket system (10) and is encompassed by a laterally closed protective profile (14, 22, 24). ~~The proposal is made that the~~ The protective profile (14, 22) ~~be~~ is closed in the longitudinal direction (38, 40) on at least one end by a cover (16, 18, 20), which can be used to open and close the protective profile (14, 22).

~~(Fig. 1)~~